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CONGRESSMAN COSTA ANNOUNCES U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS RECEIVED IN THE 20TH DISTRICT

Fresno, CA - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced the City of Bakersfield as the recipient of an Economic Development Initiative grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$277,750.

"Maintaining a safe and pleasant atmosphere in which Bakersfield community members can reside is an important goal and these funds will aid in the city's attempt to achieve such a goal," Congressman Costa said.

Economic Development Initiative funds generally are used for property acquisition; housing rehabilitation; economic development activities; acquisition, construction, reconstruction or installation of public facilities; public works and other site improvements. The city of Bakersfield has designated the grant for improvement of sidewalks, street furniture and facades.

"Enhancing the image of a city is a key factor in the effort to promote the interests of its residents and Bakersfield citizens will benefit from the proposed projects," concluded Congressman Costa.

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